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Lack of Health Facilities
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is a lack of health facilities in the country including Delhi- NCR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether non-working of AIIMS as referral hospital, non-availability of better medical facilities to the patients and hurdles coming in the way of medical education of the country is a matter of great concern; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) & (b): As per Rural Health Statistics (RHS), there is some shortage of public health facilities as per State/ UT wise details given at Annexure-I. The details are not maintained in respect of NCR.

(c) & (d): All efforts are made to provide best possible treatment to all the patients coming to AIIMS Delhi emergency department as well as OPD in-patient wards and the ICUs. In-spite of constraints of space and finance, adequate medical care is being provided to all the patients who come for treatment. Adequate attention is being given by the doctors, nurses and other staff to all patients admitted in Casualty & In-patients Wards. The patients who require hospitalization for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purpose are admitted either from the OPD's (including specialty clinics) or through the casualty/emergency. In the casualty/emergency life saving situations, all efforts are made to admit the seriously ill patient in the hospital as far as `practically' possible. In case of non-availability of bed in the emergency, the emergency patients are first evaluated and given appropriate treatment as may be required to stabilize them clinically and after adequate stabilization, they are sent to other Government hospitals for admission and further management. This practice is in operation because AIIMS hospital as a policy does not admit any patient on the floor or two patients on one bed. In view of this, all cases that require hospitalization from OPD's Emergency cannot always be accommodated in the in-patient wards of the hospital. The AIIMS hospital entertains all referral patients as well as direct cases coming to AIIMS on their own.

Various measures taken to improve medical education are given at Annexure-II. Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of adequate public health facilities lies with the State Governments. Nonetheless, under NHM, financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including setting up of/upgradation of public health facilities, based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). To improve access to affordable high quality tertiary medical care facilities, 6 more AIIMS have been set up and 13 more have been planned out of which 5 have been approved.